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Meeting Report

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Venue: Jeldu Woreda Administration office

# Introduction

Ato Zelalem opened the meeting with welcome address and each participant were introduced themselves through facilitator. Following self-introduction Ato Zelalem recalled the second IP meeting agendas and descried the consensus made during that meeting. He also introduced the objectives of the third IP meeting and the agenda of the day. He remind the participants that shortage of livestock feed was agreed on the previous meeting to be addressed by this pilot intervention that will contribute to the minimization of soil erosion problem. He indicated on the flip chart about the days agenda which includes setting a criteria and selecting micro-watershed for the pilot, a three month action plan development, sharing of roles among IP members, allocating budget, challenges and opportunities, setting a sound Monitoring and Evaluation tools and challenge fund proposal development which helps to pilot joint action on the issue.

# Site selection for the pilot project selected

Ato Zelalem was refreshed the kebele selected in the previous IP meeting for the pilot project in Jeldu Woreda which was Kolugelan kebele based on the criteria set by the members He explained the importance of selecting a specific site from kolugelan kebele water-shade on which the project will be implemented. He also further elaborated about specific site selection criterion, selection of specific activities, sharing responsibilities, determining timeframe, determining the budget required for each activity, and identification of challenges in the process of action. Ato Zelalem also briefly explained the actions that will be implemented in the micro watershed should full fill the criterions required by the challenge fund. He briefed again as it was mainly discussed during the previous meeting to consider the main criteria of the challenge fund proposal that the actions which is going to piloted should consider. The main criteria he recalled are that:

* Pilot action should involve different stakeholders from community, kebele and woreda levels and different sectors;
* Pilot action should involve communities and should respond to their demands;
* Pilot actions should focus on rainwater management and should address issues at landscape;
* Pilot actions should be appropriate for local environmental conditions, livelihoods and community dynamics
* Pilot actions should be justified with evidences in a way that it can potentially address the issue of the rainwater management

# Discussion on criterions used to select specific watershed

Ato Zelalem also led this discussion and the participants were listed the following criterions to select specific site from the three micro watersheds found in the selected *kebele* of *Kolugelan*. These three micro-watersheds are *Melka*, *Birbirsa* and Qoftu micro watersheds found in *Kolugelan* *Kebele*. The criterions agreed during the discussion are availability of sufficient water, accessibility of the site, an area which is highly affected by erosion, steep land, and availability of land for nursery site, community interest and shortage of animal feed. These criteria were agreed after a long debate and brainstorming to carefully select the site that will make this intervention successfully address the issue at landscape having short period and limited budget. The participants were also discussed and compared the three watersheds found in the selected *kebele* against the above mentioned criterions and finally selected *Melka* water-shade as specific site for the pilot action because it fulfills all the criterions mentioned. The participants were also determined the pilot project should be implemented in the upstream of the water-shade to show the intervention impact at landscape.

After the determination of the specific site selection the participants were discussed on the activities to be done within the next few weeks. In this regard different activities were listed through brainstorming by participants of the meeting. These are:

* Awareness creation for water-shade committee established at the water shade level by the government (about 7 individuals including other 2 elders who will the community trust),
* Community consultation with the watershed committee and elders on the intervention
* Nursery site selection with the community (suggested sites are School and Communal land)
* Socioeconomic data collection/assessment,
* Awareness creation among the farmers, consultation on the selection of the variety of livestock feed and, contacting the actual farmers, and nursery site preparation.

But at the end of this discussion the participants were come to conclusion that it is not possible to establish a nursery site within this short period of time since the project lifespan is only three month. Therefore, the meeting participants were decided to purchase a seedling (a seedling used for animal feed) from local farmers or other places after identifying the interest of the farmers on the variety selection.

Ato Zelalem also explained the need of setting criterions to select an individual farmer as a beneficiary of this project for who the livestock seedling and its training package will be provided to plant on his own land. Farmers that will be willing to take the seedling and plant the livestock forage should be selected carefully. Accordingly, the participants were listed the following criterion to be used to select farmers: farmers who have land, faced sever land degradation, farmers who have livestock, evidence of shortage of animal feed (interest of the farmers) and previous history of the farmer (who participated on conservation activities) in his own farm land.

# Technical Group and Schedule for Accomplishing the Activities

Under this topic identifying activity, responsibility sharing among the IP members and the timeframe was determined by the participants through brainstorming in the presence of the facilitator, Ato Zelalem. During this discussion what was agreed by all the participants was that there must be a Technical Group from the IP members which comprises members are experts from different sectors who will execute the project with the communities at the ground. The Technical Group comprises 7 members from different sectors with one of them is assigned as a focal person and their names and institutions are listed in the following table.

## Technical Group Members

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| No | Name | Institution | Role in the Technical Group | Mobile |
| 1 | Tibebu Seifu | Live stock Agency | Focal Person | 0912208011 |
| 2 | Alemneh Daba | Live stock Agency | Member |  |
| 3 | Bekele Abebe | Agricultural Extension Unit | Member |  |
| 4 | Brihanu Dandesa | Land Administration & Environmental Protection | Member |  |
| 5 | Jonse Nagawo | Natural Resource Management Unit | Member |  |
| 6 | Duressa Uguma | Water, Mine and Energy Office | Member |  |
| 7 | Brihanu Ayana | IWMI Hydrological | Member | 0913306208 |
| 8 | Tadesse | GIZ Focal Person at Jeldu | Member |  |

# Activities, roles and time frame

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| S.N | Activity | Who accomplishes the activity | Timeframe/ Deadline |
| 1 | Awareness creation for:   * *Melka* Watershed Committee & Influential People (Elder & Religious Leader) * Upstream farmers | Jeldu IP Technical Group | Sene 15-20/2004 June 22-27/2012 |
| 2 | Socioeconomic Survey mainly at Melka Watershed level | Jeldu IP Technical Group with the support form: DA’s, Water-shade committee and IWMI focal person | Sene 20-25/2004  June27-July2/12 |
| 3 | Seedling variety selection through consultation with the communities and input from the survey and professional from ILRI | Jeldu IP Technical Group with the support from DAs, ILRI (Ato Abate?) | Sene 25-30/2004  July02-07/2012 |
| 4 | Beneficiary/Individual Farmers Selection for (training and seedling) | Jedlu IP Technical Group | Sene 25-30/2004  July02-07/2012 |
| 5 | Purchase of Seedlings | Jeldu IP Technical Group | Hamle 1-5/2004  July 08-12/2012 |
| 6 | Farmers training and  Crafting community bylaws | Jeldu IP Technical Grpoup with Holeta Research Center, HUNDE | Hamle5-10/2004  July 12-17/2012 |
| 7 | Follow-up of the activities | ILRI, Jeldu Admin | Hamle10/July 17 and beyond |
| 8 | Training of farmers on feeding practices of the forage | Holeta research center | Haml10/July 17 and beyond |

# Monitoring and evaluation of the activities

Under this topic the participants of the meeting were discussed the importance of monitoring the progress of the activities scheduled above. After through discussion the Technical Group is the one that takes the majority of the activities and should submit a report at the end of each activity by the time frame indicated above. The monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are producing a report at the end of each activity, photographing of activities for process document, making stories on the impact of the trainings and interventions provided for the communities through Focus Group Discussions and interviews. ILRI should come up with the means on other M&E tools to see the impacts except the report.

# IP members’ input to IF Proposal Development

Discussion under this topic was facilitated by Ato Zelalem by forwarding a number of questions for discussion purpose. Following his questions participants of the 3rd IP meeting were raised and listed in the form of answering Ato Zelalem’s questions. The detail of the discussion is presented as follows.

1. What are the critical landscape level issues that the pilot designed will addresses?

Control soil erosion, maintain soil fertility, avoid free grazing, controlled grazing, reduce shortage of land (give an opportunity for grazing land to be changed into farm land), control micro level climate, improve wildlife conservation, improve livestock productivity and motivate farmers to introduce high yielding livestock breeds.

1. Why this action or pilot was was chosen as a priority?

Soil erosion is major problem of the woreda which was prioritized at IP levele and community level, the result of the baseline survey also indicates soil erosion as a major problem of the woreda, so livestock feed can help in reducing soil erosion in the area. The reasons why direct interventions like soil and water conservation was not planned to be piloted by this project was because of the budget limit and also government and GIZ is embarking on soil and water conservation activities and what is missing is working on the livestock feeds which is also a critical for soil erosion.

1. What new approaches will be followed (Technical or institutional)?

Participants were discussed a lot of issues under this topic and mentioned different concerns about the project approach. The activity proposed by this project is evidence based, participatory and followed a multi-stakeholder approach and will address watershed level issues.

1. Who will be involved and what will be the role of different stakeholders?

## Discussion was made on this topic & the detail of the discussion is presented as follows

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| Who (Stakeholder) | What (the role of the stakeholder) |
| IP Members | * Prioritization of problems * Experience sharing and learning * Identifying action and indicating the mechanisms of implementation |
| Technical Group from the IP members | * Awareness creation among the community * Socioeconomic survey * Monitoring and evaluation * Site selection * Crafting community bylaw * Farmers selection * Training to farmers (with Holeta research Center) |
| ILRI | * Technical assistance * Establishing linkage with private seedling providers found outside the woreda * Facilitating transportation of the seedlings to the farmers site |
| HUNDE | * Fund management and Logistic support in the future * Overtake the facilitation role of the IP and project in the future |
| The community | * Participation in problem identification * Select the variety of the forage seedling * Participate in socioeconomic survey * Actual implementers of the project |

1. Where will implementation of the project takes place?

The area was already identified and it is Kolugelan kebele and specifically Melka watershed focusing on the upstream

1. Which stakeholders will be involved in the design of the proposal?

All IP members were involved on general issues and technical issues were addressed by core IP members.

1. What will be the benefit of action for different stakeholders?

All stakeholders like woreda administration, Livestock Agency, Woreda Soil and water conservation unit, woreda Land Administration and environmental management unit, woreda water and energy office, and Youth, Sport and Women office can benefit from the activity.

Generally participants were raised issues like stakeholders can learn from action, the activity supports for the woreda plan on watershed management, sharing and learning of experiences of different stakeholders, help government plan to provide sufficient support to the farmers, experience based learning for all SHs, the activity will enhance ground water recharge, it may also help indirectly in reducing women’s working load and give a chance to girls to go school rather than providing labor support for their parents in keeping the cattle’s.

1. Please explain how action responds to community demand and how community members will be involved?

According to the discussion made during the meeting the planned action will respond to community’s problem of animal feed shortage and the community can involve through discussion and awareness creation programs. The actual actions will come from the community, for example, by identifying the actual animal feed variety which will be planted in the area.

1. Why this action suitable for the target area in terms of agro-ecology and livelihoods?

There are evidences to select Melka watershed for the planned action. According to participants, Meleka watershed is highly prone to erosion, there is sever feed shortage, high cattle population and community interest.

1. What evidences are found in the selected site for the action?

In the area there is in introduced a multipurpose trees which are used as cattle feed and soil conservation. The actual cattle feed problem in the area is also taken as evidence and the experience in Seriti Kebele in the same woreda is also used for the action to be proposed in Melka watershed.

1. Challenge fund breakdown.

In this section explanation about the fund was given by Ato Zelalem and discussion was made on how to use the limited fund (only 80000ETB) efficiently. Emphasis was given to the actual implementation of the project and most of the budget should be used for the purchase of the seedlings. During the discussion participants were raised their concern about the administration cost and implementation cost of the fund. Accordingly, consensus was reached to highly reduce the administration cost and allocate a lion’s share of the budget for the implementation purpose. Thus, 10 %( 8000ETB) of the budget is allocated for administration cost (transportation, fuel and perdium) and about 90% (72000ETB) is allocated for implementation cost (purchase of seedlings).

# Next IP Meeting

Finally, the next IP meeting was decided to be held on HAMLE 1-5 to follow-up the activities and the actual IP meeting will be held in September.

At the end Ato Girma has made a closing remark and wishes all the core IP members to accomplish their task in due time.

# Agenda

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| **Time** | **Agenda** | **Responsible** |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Registration | Participants |
| 9:15 – 9:30 | Introduction | All |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | Refreshing on the last 2nd IP meeting | Zelalem |
| 10:15 – 10:40 | Selecting micro-watershed in *Kulo Gelane Kebele* for the pilot   * Setting criteria for selecting watersheds | Organizers |
| 10:40- 11:10 | Tea/Coffee | Alemayehu |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Brain storming on the detail activities for the pilot and roles sharing among the IP embers :   * What are the activities for the pilot? * Who should do the activities and how? * When would be the deadline? | Zelalem/Alemayehu |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Lunch | Organizers |
| 1:30 – 2:10 | Setting criteria for farmers selection/beneficiary selection | Zelalem/ /Alemayehu |
| 2:10 2:40 | How to Monitor and evaluate the progress ? |  |
| 2:40- 3:00 | Next IP meeting |  |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | Coffee break | Organizers |
| 3:30 – 11:00 | Input for the IF Proposal Development  -presenting and brainstorming on each questions of the IF Proposal template | Zelalem/ /Alemayehu |

# List of participants at the 2nd Jeldu-Innovation Platform Meeting

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